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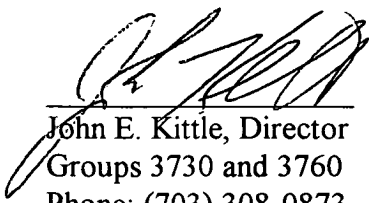
Paper No.

In re Application of	:	
Joseph P. Vacanti et al	:	<i>SUA SPONTE</i>
Serial No. : 09/185,360	:	RESCISION OF
Filed : November 3, 1998	:	NOTICE OF
For : Engineering of Strong, Pliable Tissues	:	ABANDONMENT

A review of the application reveals that an Office Action was mailed to the applicant on May 1, 2000. On November 7, 2000 a Notice of Abandonment was mailed indicating that the application was being abandoned for failure to respond to the Office Action mailed May 1, 2000. The abandonment of the application was premature given the fact that applicant had filed an amendment along with a three-month extension of time on November 6, 2000. The amendment includes a certificate of mailing dated November 1, 2000. Thus the amendment was timely filed.

In view of these facts, the abandonment was clearly premature and is hereby rescinded. The application will be forwarded to the Examiner via the Legal Instruments Examiner for entry and consideration of the amendment filed November 6, 2000.

Summary: Holding of Abandonment Rescinded.



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